

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charles J. Lydon and Elaine A. Lydon to UMass Five College Federal Credit Union, said mortgage being dated December 5, 2014, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 11823, Page 134, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 89 Green Avenue, Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE LAND IN BELCHERTOWN, HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TRACT 1:
BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF GREEN AVENUE, WHICH POINT IS THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION OF GREEN AVENUE AND A RIGHT OF WAY LEADING FROM GREEN AVENUE TO THE PREMISES NOW OR FORMERLY OF GEORGE H.B. GREEN KNOWN AS THE "CARVER LOT"; THENCE RUNNING WESTERLY ALONG SAID GREEN AVENUE TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) FEET AND THENCE RUNNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WILLIAM CHARLES BELMONT AND WILLIAM BELMONT, JR. EIGHTY-THREE (83) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A STAKE; THENCE RUNNING EASTERLY ALONG SAID LAND OF WILLIAM CHARLES BELMONT AND WILLIAM BELMONT, JR. FIVE HUNDRED AND FIVE (505) FEET TO THE WESTERLY SIDE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (475) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ALL PERSONS LAWFULLY ENTITLED THERETO, TO USE THE RIGHT OF WAY WHICH RUNS ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO CHARLES J. LYDON BY DEED OF ELAINE A LYDON DATED OCTOBER 14, 1977 AND RECORDED IN SAID REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 1985, PAGE 67.

TRACT 2:
BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF GREEN AVENUE, WHICH POINT MARKS THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION OF GREEN AVENUE AND THE BROOK THAT PASSES UNDER THE ROAD; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF GREEN AVENUE TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A RIGHT OF WAY LEADING FROM GREEN AVENUE TO THE PREMISES NOW OR FORMERLY OF GEORGE H.B.; GREEN, KNOWN AS THE "CARRIER LOT"; THENCE SOUTHERLY FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (475) FEET, MORE OR LESS, ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ROBERT D. BLAKESLEE TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID OTHER LAND OF BLAKESLEE FIVE HUNDRED FIVE (505) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTHERLY ONE

HUNDRED TEN (110) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A STAKE IN A STONE WAIL (SIC); THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY THREE HUNDRED (300) FEET, MORE OR LESS, ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WILLIAM CHARLES BELMONT AND WILLIAM BELMONT, JR. TO A STAKE AND STONE WALL, CORNER; THENCE RUNNING NORTHERLY ALONG SAID BELMONT PROPERTY THREE HUNDRED (300) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE AFOREMENTIONED RIGHT OF WAY; CONTINUING NORTHERLY ACROSS SAID RIGHT OF WAY AND ALONG LAND OWNED NOW OR FORMERLY BY SAID GEORGE H.B. GREEN FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY (450) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED BROOK; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID BROOK FIVE HUNDRED (500) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO ELAINE A. LYDON BY DEED OF CHARLES J. LYDON DATED OCTOBER 14, 1977 AND RECORDED WITH SAID REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 1985, PAGE 68.

SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO CHARLES J. LYDON AND ELAINE A. LYDON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY FROM CHARLES J. LYDON AND ELAINE A. LYDON BY DEED DATED 3/31/1997, AND RECORDED ON 4/4/1997, AT BOOK 5089, PAGE 275, IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, MA.

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises

to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagee. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$10,000.00 deposit (but no less than \$10,000) with the Mortgagee's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagee's attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be held by the Mortgagee, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale will also be required to pay a buyer's premium of 5% and shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder; (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The Mortgagee reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

UMass Five College Federal Credit Union
Present Holder of said Mortgage

By /s/ David A. Lavenburg
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04/16, 04/23, 04/30/2026

OBITUARIES

Nancy Croke
1934-2026

Nancy Gayle (Berger) Croke, born Nancy Berger on December 11, 1934, in Holyoke, MA, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2026, in Palmer, MA.

Nancy was the daughter of Walter and Elsie (Blaurock) Berger, who predeceased her. She cherished her family dearly, including her husband of 54 years, John S. Croke Jr., who passed away in 2008.

After growing up as an only child, Nancy wanted a large family and together with her husband, they raised five children, which includes their daughter Linda Croke-DiPietro and her partner Bob Cook, sons Jeffrey Croke and Suzanne, John S. Croke III, Robert Croke and Kerry Morrison, and Barry Croke and Kim. Nancy's legacy is further carried on by her 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Having grown up in South Hadley Falls, Nancy dedicated her life

to her family, residing in South Hadley and West Springfield before settling in Belchertown for over 50 years. An individual of diverse talents and interests, Nancy had a love for gardening and coastal Maine as well as a passion for art. She attended the Massachusetts College of Art, where she nurtured her artistic spirit through oil painting, focusing on landscapes and seascapes. After raising her family, Nancy resumed her artistic pursuits, striving to meet the high standards she set for herself—an undertaking that reflected her dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence.

A private ceremony will be held for the family to honor her memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society. Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements

Lorraine Toothill

Lorraine Kay Toothill, age 97, passed away peacefully at her home in Springfield, Massachusetts, in the morning hours of Tuesday, April 14, 2026. She was the daughter of John Francis and Elizabeth Laura Hathaway.



full of life, and a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by her three daughters: Lynn Bragdon of Marblehead, Massachusetts;

Born in Burlington, Connecticut, Lorraine was raised in Milford, Connecticut, where she graduated from Milford High School. Upon graduating, she became a military wife, which gave her the opportunity to travel the world. She loved sharing the many interesting and exciting stories from that time in her life.

After retiring from AT&T, Lorraine remained incredibly active. She was a member of the Cyclonauts Bicycle Club of Greater Springfield, and if she wasn't gardening, you could often find her out on a bike ride. When winter arrived, she enjoyed cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. She continued cycling well into her 80s.

Lorraine was an active and adventurous woman,

Colleen Toothill-Berte and her husband, Lance, of Belchertown, Massachusetts; and Pamela Lane of Delray Beach, Florida.

She is also survived by her grandchildren: Laura Bragdon and her husband, Robert, of New York, New York; Evan Bragdon and his wife, Megan, of Salem, Massachusetts; Rachel Lane and her husband, Robert McNeill, of Delray Beach, Florida; and Kathryn Lane of Delray Beach, Florida; as well as a beloved great-granddaughter, Heidi.

A private service will be held in accordance with her wishes.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lorraine's memory may be made to Belchertown Animal Control, P.O. Box 629, Belchertown, MA 01007.

DEATH NOTICES

Croke, Nancy
Died April 12, 2026
Services are private.
Beers & Story Funeral Home South Hadley

Toothill, Lorraine
Died April 14, 2026
Services are private.

The Sentinel
OBITUARY POLICY

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Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Library book sales cancelled for this year

BELCHERTOWN – The Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library book sales scheduled for 2026 have been cancelled. The major renovations that are required to make the basement meet fire and safety codes are going to take at least a year to complete. The library was built in 1887 and the basement needs a complete overhaul to meet codes. Unfortunately, it means that the basement will be closed to the public during this

renovation. The Trustees Board and the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library Board are working together on a plan to create a space that will be safe for everyone for many decades to come.

If you can, please hold onto your books until the renovation is complete or until we find a way to accept and store them. We currently have no dedicated storage space available. We are looking at a number of possible options for conducting smaller book sales

until the basement is ready, but have not yet found a suitable space.

Thank you to the people of Belchertown and the surrounding towns for your years of patronage at our books sales. We are as sad and disappointed as you are about the necessary cancellation. However, we look forward to many years of continuing the book sales in a safer and cleaner environment upon the completion of the basement renovation.

Granby holding candidates night

GRANBY – The Town of Granby Communications Committee is hosting a Meet The Candidate's night at the East Meadow School

Cafeteria on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. All candidates running for local office will be given an opportunity to speak,

with Q&A from attendees. Childcare will be provided by the Granby National Honor Society.

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